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FOR SHINN FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL INFORMAL

1. REGARDING CONVERSATION WITH ANDERSON STAFFER (STATE 180469), WE HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF SPECIFIC CASE. IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT WE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO "CENSOR" INDIVIDUAL ITEMS. PROCEDURES ARE SET UP SO THAT DESIGNATED SPONSOR ORGANIZATION (IN THIS CASE PRESUMABLY IREX) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR VETTING PACKAGES. ELIGIBLE ITEMS ARE THOSE NEEDED FOR RECIPIENT'S OWN RESEARCH. PACKAGES SENT FROM SPONSORING ORGANIZATION ARE DELIVERED UNOPENED; THOSE NOT SENT FROM SPONSORING ORGANIZATION ARE RETURNED TO SENDER UNOPENED. WE DO NOT INTEND TO GET INTO CENSORSHIP BUSINESS AND IT IS IRRELEVANT WHETHER ITEM IS INNOCUOUS OR NOT. WE SIMPLY DO NOT PERMIT - AND NEVER HAVE KNOWINGLY PERMITTED - USE OF POUCH FOR ITEMS DESTINED FOR THIRD PARTIES. THIS VIOLATES ALL SORTS OF LAWS, REGULATIONS AND AGREEMENTS. AS WE HAVE REPEATEDLY STRESSED TO THOSE GRANTED LIMITED POUCH PRIVILEGES, ANY PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THIS "GRAY AREA" ARRANGEMENT WILL UNDERMINE OUR ABILITY IN FUTURE TO
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GRANT ANY PRIVILEGES AT ALL. A STRICT INTERPRETATION OF VIENNA CONVENTION WOULD PRECLUDE IT ALTOGETHER.

2. IF YOU CAN LOCATE THEM, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR POUCHING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FIVE COPIES ON "THE SOVIET APPROACH TO NEGOTIATION: SELECTED WRITINGS," WHICH WAS PRINTED FOR THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT

OPERATIONS, 91ST CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION AND PRINTED BY
GPO IN 1969. ADDRESS THEM TO ECON FOR ATTENTION
STARBIRD. DEPARTING DUTCH E/C COUNSELOR HAS ASKED OUR
HELP IN OBTAINING THEM, AND HE DEPARTS IN FIRST WEEK
OF AUGUST. BELIEVE THEY ARE AVAILABLE AT GPO
BOOKSTORE IN DEPARTMENT; IF NECESSARY, BUY THEM AND
INFORM STARBIRD HOW MUCH IS OWED. MATLOCK

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